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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: S. Chawan
Shigeki MATSUTANI)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 10/052,463)	
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Filed: January 23, 2002)	
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For: INFORMATION PROCESSING)	February 13, 2006
METHOD AND APPARATUS	:	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL
OF
ERRONEOUS NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

Sir:

Applicant has received a Notice of Abandonment dated January 6, 2006, which states that this application has been abandoned for failure to timely file corrected drawings in response to the Notice of Allowability mailed July 13, 2005.

However, Applicant submits that corrected drawings were submitted prior to the mailing of the Notice of Allowability, and the Examiner approved those corrected drawings. Therefore, no corrected drawings were actually required in response to the Notice of Allowability, and the Notice of Abandonment was issued in error and should be withdrawn.

FACTS

In an Office Action mailed December 14, 2004, the Examiner objected to Figures 14-22 as not containing the legend "Prior Art." In accordance with PTO rules, the Examiner indicated that corrected drawings bearing the label "Replacement Sheet" were required in response to the Office Action to avoid abandonment of the application.

In response to the Office Action and in compliance with PTO rules, Applicant submitted nine replacement sheets of formal drawings with the Amendment filed March 14, 2005. Attached is a copy of the date-stamped PTO postcard, acknowledging receipt of the replacement sheets.

Also attached is a copy of the Notice of Allowability mailed July 13, 2005. As clearly shown in item 3 on page 2, the Examiner expressly approved the corrected drawings submitted on March 14, 2005: "***Drawings filed on 3/12/02 and 3/14/05 have been approved by the Examiner.***" Thus, the required corrected drawings were submitted on March 14, 2005, and were expressly approved by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowability. Although box 6(b) on that Notice was checked to require submission of corrected drawings, that checkmark is clearly an error and no corrected drawings were in fact required in response to that Notice.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the required replacement sheets of corrected drawings were timely submitted prior to the mailing of the Notice of Allowability, and that the Notice of Abandonment was issued erroneously.

CONCLUSION

The Notice of Abandonment is premised on incorrect facts – (i) that the Notice of Allowability required submission of corrected drawings and (ii) that Applicant did not submit corrected drawings -- and therefore is erroneous. Withdrawal of the erroneous Notice of Abandonment and passage of this application to issue are respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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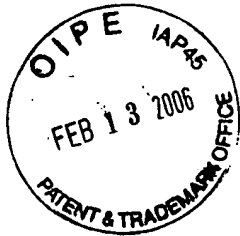
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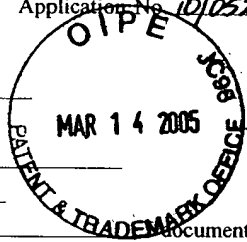
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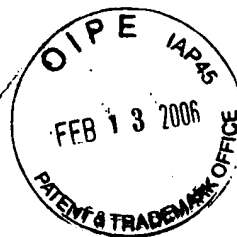
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- ☐ Claim for priority and certified copies of _____ priority applications
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- ☒ Other (specify) Fee Transmittal Sheet; Five Replacement Sheets of
Formal Drawings
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Due Date 3 / 14 / 2005
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment filed on March 14, 2005 has been entered.

In response to applicant's amendment claims 1-24 are now allowed.

Claims 23 and 24 are added new.

Claims 1 - 24 are pending in the application.

In response to applicant's submission of Replacement of Drawings sheet filed on 3/14/05, the objections are withdrawn.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed on March 14, 2005 have been fully considered and are persuasive.

Drawings

3. Drawings filed on 3/12/02 and 3/14/05 have been approved by the Examiner.

Information Disclosure Statement

4. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on April 16, 2002, June 11, 2002 has been considered by the examiner.

Reason For Allowance

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-24 are allowed.

As pointed out by the applicant's arguments, see page 10, lines 18-20, filed on March 14, 2005 with respect to claims 1 -24 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Claims 1 -24 has been withdrawn from the rejection and are allowed.